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Introduction

The Department of Justice is to "provide for and encourage research and development efforts on matters relating to the criminal justice system and related aspects of the civil justice system." 42 U.S.C. § 3721. In addition, the Department is "to provide for and encourage the collection and analysis of statistical information concerning crime, juvenile delinquency, and the operation of the criminal justice system and related aspects of the civil justice system." *Id.* at § 3731. The Department has a long and distinguished history both of conducting and supporting research and of collecting and analyzing statistical information. These programs have contributed to the development of policy and programs designed to carry out the Department's mission: to protect America against the threat of terrorism; to enforce federal laws; and to prevent and reduce crime by assisting state, tribal, local, and community-based programs.

Research and statistics programs carried out or funded by the Department must support the Department's mission. Setting priorities for the Department's research and statistics programs is complex, especially when coupled with difficult budget decisions resulting from the limited funding available to carry out mandatory as well as discretionary activities. Moreover, the Department is responsible to ensure that taxpayer dollars allocated for research and statistics programs actually serve to enhance public safety.

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To ensure that the Department fulfills its statutory research and statistics obligations, meets the needs of the criminal and civil justice community, and supports the Department's core mission within budgetary constraints, there is hereby established the Subcommittee on Research and Statistics (the "Subcommittee") of the Strategic Management Council ("SMC").

The Associate Attorney General shall chair the Subcommittee. Along with the Chair, the Subcommittee shall be composed of the heads of Justice Department components with primary responsibility for conducting and supporting research and collecting and analyzing statistics (the "Research and Statistics Components"):

Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration
Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics
Director, Bureau of Prisons
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Director, National Institute of Justice

In addition, the heads of Justice Department components that are significant consumers of Department-produced research and statistics also shall sit on the Subcommittee:

Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division
Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs
Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Policy
Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Director, Executive Office for United States Attorneys

The Subcommittee shall meet at the call of the Chair, but no less than once annually. The Subcommittee shall report periodically to the SMC on budget matters, ongoing statistical collections, research and analytical activities, and proposals for new or additional areas for research and statistical analysis. The Subcommittee shall identify and report to the SMC areas of potential overlap and opportunities for intra-agency collaboration. The SMC shall provide guidance and make recommendations to the Subcommittee on the Department's research and statistics programs and priorities as appropriate.

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